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Date: December 12, 2000  
To: The Honorable Members of City Council  
From: Mayor Kerry J. Donley  
Re: Affordable Housing

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As many of you know, I chair the Washington Area Housing Partnership (WAHP) which is the only regional body examining affordable housing. This board is organized under the direction of the Washington Council of Governments, and we recently issued a best practices publication which gathers some of the policies and programs in the Washington region relating to affordable housing. I thought this book might be of interest to you, particularly Councilman Euille and Councilwoman Woodson as our representatives to the City Manger's Task Force on Affordable Housing in Alexandria. There are some interesting programs undertaken throughout the region which are described in this book and which potentially could be replicated here in Alexandria.

Additionally, the WAHP will be holding a regional conference on March 23rd at the National Press Club to discuss the various aspects of this complicated issue. Some of the featured speakers will be Prof. Stephen Fuller outlining the regional economics of housing in the Washington region, Carl Guardino from Silicon Valley which has engaged the private sector, and Mary Brooks concerning the creation of a regional housing trust fund. We have also invited Mark Warner of Columbia Capital in an effort to engage the expanding high technology community. I hope that many of you will be able to attend this conference, and if you are interested please contact Chris Whitney of COG at 202/962-3242.

Finally, I would like to call you attention to a conference on inclusionary zoning and affordable housing scheduled for Thursday, December 14th at the Brookings Institution from 1 to 4 pm. I believe each of you received a publication in anticipation of the conference, and I hope you are able to attend.

Thank you for your interest in housing issues here in Alexandria and the Washington region.

Cc: P. Sunderland, City Manger  
C. Whitney, WAHP/COG

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